

MARION COUNTY BOARD  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 24, 2023  
7:00 P.M.  
Basement of Sheriff's Office

Meeting convened at 7:00 P.M. with Chairman Debbie Smith leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, followed by resident Wayne Walker providing Invocation.

Roll Call Vote taken by County Board Member Deb Reed. Present were Brock Waggoner, Dr. Creighton Engel, Jack Riley, Deborah Reed, Bill Henson, Steve Whritenour, Steve Bradley, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Christopher Krupp, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith, David Iossi, Tracy Murray, Tyson McHenry and Sharon Woodward. NOTE: Dr. Engel - 19 minutes late to meeting.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Guests: See Attached Sign-in Sheet

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Circuit Clerk Tiffany Schicker announced that she has applied for another grant in the amount of approximately \$300,000 which is Tech based for Court Room, and State's Attorney and Sheriff use. Should know something in February.

Treasurer Gary Purcell indicated at the Moose Storage Facility there are a lot of historical pictures that could be displayed in the Board Room. He also indicated that one of the Board meetings should be held in that facility to enable all of the Board members to see the facility since many members haven't personally been to the site.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from January 10, 2023 made by David Iossi with second by Judith Meeks-Hakim, Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

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COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX

NO REPORT

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REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE/INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRIS KRUPP

NO REPORT

**BUILDING AND HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL**

State Pre-trial staff rental of space agreement in Public Service Building is pending County's signature for further clarification on rental dollars to be paid to the County.

Chairman Engel indicated that he spoke to Gene Mackey from AMERESCO concerning some bills received that needed more of a break down of expenses incurred. This is pending at this time.

Dr. Engel met with Tiffany Schicker and JT (IT Tech) concerning coverage of internet services for the county buildings. Capability of expansion was discussed. Bulk of County is under AT&T with Steve Fox's Office and the Jail under Charter. The capability is there, but we need to look at what is actually needed between the jail and the Courthouse. Increase the gig speed from 10 to 20. Tweaks need to be made down the line, but appears to be doable and not costly. Additional information will be forthcoming.

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**LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR**

Sheriff Kevin Cripps: Jail Report: 83 Inmates; 29 Federal and 1 Juvenile. His Department has been extremely busy this month.

Marion County ESDA Coordinator Sheri Brooks-Barter provided her report by handing out her monthly report and indicated that her team had assisted in several emergency calls.

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**COUNTY AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON**

Enclosed in packet is the signed official copy of Resolution 2023-07 (Opposition of Gun Bill signed by the Governor).

Mr. Henson gave floor to Brock Waggoner concerning presentation to be made by Wabash on February 1, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. There appears to be grants to assist in providing internet to rural areas and representatives from Wabash will provide the committee with more valuable information.

In addition, Mr. Waggoner, Chairman of sub-committee for Codifying of County Board Records, scheduled a meeting on January 30, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room. Sub-committee consists of Mr. Waggoner-Chair, Deb Reed, Tyson McHenry and Bill Henson.

**NOTE: Meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.**

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County and Community Committee – Continued

The purchase of flag poles was again brought up, and Mr. Henson had Adam Smith address new findings. It appears that the expense of setting flag poles will become very expensive. A constructional engineer will have to complete soil samples and so much more that it is just too costly to proceed. Mr. Henson concurred that this would be too much of an expense to the County and it is in the best interest of the County if we do not continue in this direction. At the advice of State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth, no further action needs to be taken and to just let the issue die. This did not go to vote; however, it was consensus of all board members.

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ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE-CHAIRMAN STEVE BRADLEY

NO REPORT

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PERSONNEL AND LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Laborer's Contract should be finalized by next meeting.

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BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Approval of Committee Minutes:

January 4, 2023 – Adam Smith Made motion to approve with second by Chris Krupp.

Voice Vote: All Ayes – No Nays – Motion Passed.

January 18, 2023 – Adam Smith made motion to approve with second by Tyson McHenry.

Voice Vote: All Ayes – No Nays – Motion Passed.

The Bicentennial Kick Off was held at the Courthouse this date, January 24, 2023. Was a wonderful turnout and much appreciation goes out to Sheriff Kevin Cripps and Jail Administrator Troy Cannon. *Reed.*

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ESDA/911 COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Approval of Committee Minutes:

November 29, 2022 – Bill Henson made motion to approve with second by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All Ayes – No Nays – Motion Passed.

December 20, 2022 – Steve Whritenour made motion to approve with second by Brock Waggoner. Voice Vote: All Ayes – No Nays – Motion Passed.

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NOTE: January 17, 2023 – No Quorum – Informational Only.

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In addition, attached to Board packet is draft copy of Intergovernmental Agreement to be signed by those communities signing up for Nixle. Also attached is a revised signed copy of Everbridge Contract (initial had population as 1 and should be 39,000). Next meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

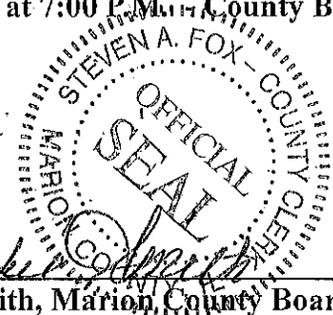
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Nothing further to come before the board, Judith Meeks-Hakim made motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem and second by Steve Whritenour. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – No Nays. Motion Passed.

Next full Board Meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. in County Board Room – Basement of Sheriff's Office.

Time: 7:47 P.M.

Approved: 2/14/2023  
Date: 2/14/2023

  
Debbie Smith  
Debbie Smith, Marion County Board Chair